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LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new programme called "Partnership between Schools Programme" has been started by the Government under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;
(b) the aims and objectives of the said programme;
(c) the number of schools inducted in the programme till now States/UT-wise;
(d) whether the programme is aimed at classroom teaching or any skill development module has been incorporated in the same and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)
(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Department of School Education and Literacy has framed guidelines for "Partnership Between Schools" Programme which aims to link schools located in rural areas with private, aided or government schools in urban or semi urban areas.
The main objectives of the initiative include, among others, (i) bring all students to one common platform, (ii) to share experiences and learn from each other, (iii) provide opportunities to the teaching fraternity to adopt better and more effective practices and (iv) to instill a spirit of sharing, caring and togetherness.
(c): All States and UTs have been requested to take necessary action in this direction and design the modalities of the programme within the broad guidelines issued by the Department. As education is in the concurrent list and a majority of schools are under the jurisdiction of the State Governments and UT Administrations, it is for them to conduct activities under the programme.
The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) has reported that 25 Kendriya Vidyalayas have partnered with 25 State Government Schools for this programme. Central Board of Secondary Education has informed that 147 well functioning schools affiliated to the Board have partnered with Government run schools in rural areas.
(d): The guidelines, developed by the Department, suggests activities that include visit to places of interest; participate in celebrations of local festivals; explore local crafts, arts and music; and exposure to regional means of livelihood (agriculture, industry or services).
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